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### THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

A convention is to be held in Louisiana in February to modify the constitution in regard to the elective suffrage. It is to make such requirements with reference to intelligence and the holding of property as will cut down the number of colored voters in that State. The Philadelphia Record says: "The necessity for such discrimination seems to be generally conceded by the white voters of the State of both political parties."

The great suffering amongst the Cubans cannot even be imagined by the people of this prosperous country and this good land filled with plenty. Hon. Charles Russell, assistant United States Attorney in the Department of Justice, has recently returned from Cuba, and says that two hundred thousand persons are daily suffering and dying for the want of food and medicine. He says it would take \$20,000 a day to partially alleviate the suffering. Such is the result of war. But the insurgents in Cuba will in the end gain their victory, we believe.

The winter of 1897-98 has, to this writing, been very mild. Will it continue so all through? This is a question which many have somewhat wonderingly asked.

W. W. Parker, writing to the Richmond Dispatch January 12th, said: "You may say upon my humble authority that I have noticed for years, and often published it in the Dispatch, that if the weather continues warm till the 15th of January it will be warm all winter. I know of but one exception in many years; then the cold wave came on the morning of the 15th, and it continued cold till late in February."

At last a sensible thing will be done in launching a ship. It has been a question with thousands of good people in this land as to what sense there is in breaking a bottle of wine over some part of a new ship at its launching and calling it "christening the ship."

To-day, Miss Helen Long, daughter of the Secretary of the Navy, will christen the first Japanese warship to be launched in the United States. An item from Washington has said that the ceremony will take place at Cramp's ship yards and will consist in calling the name "Kasagi" by Miss Herbert and launching a silken bag and releasing a white pigeon, a bird which is held sacred by the Japanese in such ceremonies.

Recently Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, editor of the Wilmington Messenger, wrote of the excellent work which is being done by the press of North Carolina. What he said was true, we think. The average newspaper in the State is worth many times the price paid for it; but the people are slow to realize this. As to running a paper on the spot cash plan, there is some difference of opinion; but we have found it impracticable. Many newspapers in this State, weeklies and dailies, take chances with a goodly number of their readers, frequently sending the paper a year or more beyond the time paid for. And while in many instances it seems to be the best plan for some particular reader, we believe that no class of creditors is more imposed upon than the newspaper that indulges its readers. The newspapers of North Carolina have done more since the war to develop the State and show its resources than any other influence at all. And they deserve to be paid handsomely for their work.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

### SELFISHNESS UNREAL.

MANY HELPERS IN THE WORLD.

BETTER MEN FOR THE NEW CENTURY.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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There came across my path a few days since, a young man of wide reading but not of deep thought who had among other things, saturated his mind with the thoughts of Schopenhauer, the pessimist. In weary tones he told of the disappointments and sorrows of life, of the selfishness of human beings, of the savagery into which some of us find it so easy to drop, of the curse of education in opening before us all vast fields of learning that Time prevents us from traversing, of the mockery of life in giving us a mere peep of great things and then sending us onward in to death and darkness. The dreary catalogue of woe-stricken thoughts grew more and more irksome as it progressed, and I fear there were replies given more forceful than polite. Since he is one of a class, may I just in a few crowded words, repeat some things that were said during my portion of the conversation?

I believe that a man talks only in such gloomy fashion when he is such an intense egoist that he regards the world as under obligation to circle for him and his pleasure; that he makes the centre of the universe a mere speck of complaining humanity; and that his own little toothache or his own little misery is alone used in estimating the feelings of others.

I believe that rainy days have their place fully as much as days of sunshine in bringing forth the fruits of the earth. So I believe that none of us bring forth our best when all is sunshine. As the glare and glory of a blazing sun cause the desert, so perfect ease of life develops desert men and women, who make the counterpart of the wasted miles of Sahara, in the wasted years of their lives ardently spent for self and therefore hostile to every other human being. I must believe this or else regard the Creator as a mere teaser of men.

I believe that the selfishness of human beings is more talked about than real. Even among the poor—and that includes most of us—there is so much unselfish helping of one another, little doses of kindness given with freeness out of almost empty wallets, that one is compelled to believe that the example of the majority of us will finally become the guide of the world. As Sir Edwin Arnold says, "All the poor are piteous to the poor," so as long as the poor last pity will last, and when the poor and grief-strained cease, pity will no longer be needed.

I believe that though savagery and grossness lurk in the breasts of all of us, there is an increasing control of the hereditary inner savage, and that the general orderliness of daily life proclaims this truth. To prove it, run over in your mind the things your impulses would drive you toward; and then see how your hesitancy is confirmed into active enmity to those feelings by your knowledge of the standard society—made up of unite like yourself—expects of you. To see what we were a few centuries ago, one might go to the natives of South Africa. According to the word of a missionary-bishop, they are so unused to control by reason of centuries lacking in it, that at present it is impossible for the Roman Catholic church to ordain native priests there. So foreign to their thought is any desire for self-conquest on behalf of others that celibacy is an absolute bar against them. But under our civilization

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when there is reason for restraint, both men and women pass happy lives without floating away on the waves of passion.

I believe that when we rise from the first keen feeling of our own littleness, after education has opened our eyes, we are driven to a fuller understanding of what living really means; that it leads us to look around for the same unity that pervades the universe, wherein each body in the heavens moves with apparent independence and yet all are moving together in one vast progress through space. I believe this unity of the human race will some day be more than a mere glittering dream,—even an actual fact, with only here and there an erratic creature moving like a comet across the paths of others. I believe that pessimism regarding Education arises from wrenching it out of its proper sphere. Rightly used it gives us larger views. It makes life more varied, fuller and more interesting. If it does not do this, it is because we have loaded ourselves down with its pebbles instead of its rubies, and found darkness where brightness alone should be.

I believe that the shortness of life just serves to show us that the race is more important than the individual, and that therefore the test of a valued life will some day come to be—not how much for self was gathered and scraped together, but how much service was done to repay something to the race for the pleasures and opportunities that are our heritages as members of one great human family.

I believe the world is thrilling to a new century of new opportunities, wherein better men than ourselves shall hold sway, but in whose progress the feeblest of us shall have a part, if we live our little lives to their fullest.

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Where the busy courier streamlet In eager haste arrives, With a wealth of gathered dainties To nourish the tender lives?

Where the trees, those stalwart servants, Are busy to daintily build Fresh fairy homes unnumbered With every fancy filled?

Come then, and learn a lesson— A lesson for me and you; How a thousand hearts help foster One life of beauty true.

### Keep a Clean Mouth.

A distinguished author says: "I resolved, when I was a child, never to use a word which I could not pronounce before my mother." He kept his resolution and became a jailer, noble, honored gentleman. His rule and example are worthy of imitation.

Boys readily learn a class of low, vulgar words and expressions, which are never heard in respectable circles. Of course, we cannot think of girls as being so much exposed to this peril. We cannot imagine a decent girl using words she would not utter before her father or mother.

Such vulgarity is thought by some boys to be "smart," the "next thing to swearing," and yet "not wicked;" but it is a habit which leads to profanity, and fills the mind with evil thoughts. It vulgarizes and degrades the soul, and prepares the way for many of the gross and fearful sins which now corrupt society.

Young readers, keep your mouths free from all impurity, and your "tongue from evil;" but in order to do this, ask Jesus to cleanse your heart and keep it clean, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."—Selected.

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### BURNING WORDS.

A SENSIBLE CHARGE.

Who Ought to be Jurors.

The News & Observer gives in part Judge Timberlake's charge to the grand jury at Wake Superior court last week. It is spicy and to the point.

He began with the jury itself, and said he thought the law requiring the County Commissioners to purge the jury on the first of June each year was a good one.

"I like that word purge. We cannot be too careful with the jury. If it is corrupted the whole stream of justice is polluted. I wish now to call your attention to several classes of men whose names ought not to be allowed in the jury box.

"First, of course, is the man who tells lies. No matter what his position, the man who does not tell the truth has no business on a jury. He is not fit to pass upon the rights of another. The business man who deceives his customers is not fit to serve on a jury.

Lawyers are also sometimes guilty of dishonest methods in their practice; but for the most part they are honest and law abiding. I've been on the bench several years, and I've not found more than half a dozen attorneys who were not honest, reliable and honorable. Of course, though, this class are not eligible for jurymen. The same rule also applies to newspaper men. They are allowed a great deal of latitude. They are the conservators of public morality and the liberties of the people.

But they ought to be sure what they publish is true. If it is not, it will hurt somebody. A correction never catches up with the original publication, and even if it does somebody will believe the first and not the second.

"Men who drink to excess ought not to serve on a jury. Such a man is not fit to pass upon the rights of his fellow citizens, or even of his own.

"The loafer around town—the professional juror—who has no way of making a living, should never, under any circumstances, be allowed on a jury.

"Men who cheat and swindle. There are men in all professions who do this—not only horse-swappers, but merchants, farmers, lawyers and others. I knew a man in Franklin county who slipped off some of his tenant's best tobacco and sold it in a dead man's name in order to defraud the tenant.

"Men who violate the internal revenue law. The best thing that can happen to such a man, for the community in which he lives, is for him to get into the United States penitentiary. You ought to break up this sort of thing. I don't advise you to be spies and informers, but if a man starts up a moonshine distillery, go to him and tell him he must stop it. That if he doesn't do it, it will be broken up by law. Recently I held a court in Madison county, and there were nine men in jail for murder—and every one of them, I was told, was committed to a moonshine distillery.

"Men who violate the law in every respect. Men who don't obey the laws themselves are not fit to serve on the jury that must pass on other law-breakers. As an individual you sometimes say a law is a bad one, but you must obey it, and as a jurymen you must see that it is enforced without regard to your individual opinion. Then there are men in your community whom you, as a private citizen, would be sorry to see punished, but you must carry out your oath. You must know no man as friend or enemy in the discharge of your duties."

"Another offense I will call to your attention is the selling of cigarettes to minors. It will take some little trouble to look into this. There is hardly anything in the world that is doing so much harm to the youth of the land. You ought to have it stopped. There is a law against it; have it enforced."

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forced."

Touching the offense of escape the judge made his construction of the law broad enough to include the penitentiary authorities who allow convicts to go about as trustees, though he didn't refer in so many words to the officers of that institution. He said when a man was sent to prison, he was sent there for punishment and not to be given liberties. Here he told of a shoemaker who was sent to jail in a western county recently for a crime. Soon the man was allowed to move into the room formerly occupied by the jailer, hang out his shoemaker's sign, and move his wife and household goods and tools into the jail. Then he went to work and enjoyed as many liberties as he did at home, but all the time the county was feeding him and furnishing him a house.

This is the punishment he was getting for a crime. The sheriff who allowed this, Judge Timberlake said, ought to have been himself put in jail for a long term.

"It is your duty to investigate the crime of gambling. This sort of thing must be broken up. If you will look into it you will make 75 or more presentments. It is common not only among men but among young boys. Then a man can gamble in other ways than with cards. The man who buys or sells futures—cotton, meats, grain, stock, bonds or anything else—is guilty of gambling. You must present them for it as you would for gambling with cards or betting on a race. This is a matter that you ought to look into very carefully."

### Soap Made From Peanuts.

Philadelphia Record.

In view of the fact that there is a superabundance of peanuts raised every year in Virginia, North Carolina and other parts of the South, the suggestion is made that peanut oil be used more extensively in pharmacy, and be permitted to take the place, to a certain extent, of olive oil, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Professor S. P. Sadler

recently produced an experimental soda soap from the oil extracted from American peanuts. In reporting this fact, he remarked significantly that the bulk of the castile soap made in Marseilles is made from African peanut oil. The average grade of American peanuts is slightly inferior to the East African peanut in oil-producing value, but experience has demonstrated the excellent quality of the American peanut oil.

Foreign peanut oil comes to this country in large quantities under different names, much of it labeled "virgin olive oil." Professor Sadler says of his experiments with oil from Virginia peanuts:

"The cold-pressed oil is of a pale yellow color, and of a pleasant flavor and odor. A very slight refining makes it agreeable table oil for salads and other culinary purposes. It has already been noted with English peanut oil (and I can confirm it from my experience with American oil) that when once freed from the free acid found in the raw state it does not tend to become rancid as easily as olive oil. I have exposed samples to strong sunlight for weeks without developing the slightest rancidity."

There has been comparatively little attention given to the production of peanut oil in this country, and at present it is not an important element in commerce. However, as the chemical composition of the peanut becomes better known attention is drawn to the food value of the peanut meal and the peanut grits. It has been found that they are richer in nitrogenous principles than any of the vegetable seed cakes.

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